

## **Console Connect and NaiTel extend collaboration to bring on-demand global connectivity to Aqaba Digital Hub**

**HKT (SEHK: 6823) – HONG KONG, January 12, 2022** – Console Connect has extended its collaboration with NaiTel, a licensed telecommunications service provider in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the telecom arm of Aqaba Digital Hub, to enable access in the Middle East to on-demand global connectivity.

Using the Console Connect Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) digital platform, customers at Aqaba Digital Hub can seamlessly extend their global reach to more than 50 countries worldwide, leveraging the performance, security and speed of a leading global network. The collaboration brings the Middle East closer to the cloud, providing instant and direct access to all the world's major cloud platforms, including AWS, Google Cloud, IBM Cloud, Microsoft Azure and more.

The carrier-neutral facility in Aqaba Digital Hub allows users to access more on-demand services from Console Connect, including Internet On-Demand. Delivered via one of the world's largest and fastest IP networks, Console Connect's Internet On-Demand service enables self-provisioned enhanced Internet access through the automated Console Connect platform.

Aqaba Digital Hub customers can also access Console Connect's MeetingPlace, where they can provision partner services such as remote peering, colocation, SaaS and business applications, as well as purchase home-grown features and solutions from Console Connect.

As part of the collaboration, Internet exchange services from AqabaIX, the first and only Internet Exchange Point in Jordan with an open access and neutral policy, are now available on the Console Connect MeetingPlace, enabling Console Connect users to remotely peer at AqabaIX.

Mr. Michael Glynn, Vice President of Digital Automated Innovation, Console Connect, said, "The Middle East region is really seeing the benefits of moving to an automated network environment, giving customers greater control and flexibility over their global high-speed connections. We are delighted to extend our collaboration with Aqaba Digital Hub, which is strategically located, so that more users can access on-demand networking services."

Mr. Eyad Abu Khorma, Founder and CEO of Aqaba Digital Hub, said, "We are pleased to welcome Console Connect to Aqaba Digital Hub as we continue to build on our successful and long-standing collaboration. We look forward to enabling Aqaba Digital Hub customers to enjoy Console Connect's flexible, scalable and reliable on-demand services platform."

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## About Console Connect

Console Connect is an easy-to-use platform for the Software Defined Interconnection® of businesses, applications and infrastructure. It allows users to self-provision private, high-performance connections among a global ecosystem of enterprise, carrier, cloud, SaaS, IoT, UCaaS, Security-as-a-Service, IX and other Network-as-a-Service partners.

Console Connect is the only digital platform that is underpinned by one of the world's largest private networks and a Tier 1 global IP network that is ranked in the top 10 for IPv4 and IPv6 peering, delivering higher levels of network performance, speed, and security to meet the digital needs of today's interconnected users and communities.

Accessible from 650+ data centers in 50+ countries worldwide, the platform is integrated with all major hyperscale cloud providers, including AWS, Google Cloud, IBM Cloud, Microsoft Azure, Alicloud, and more. Through the Console Connect portal, or via its API; users can access a broad range of native and third party solutions. Visit [www.consoleconnect.com](http://www.consoleconnect.com) for more information.

## About Aqaba Digital Hub

Strategically located in the heart of the MENA region — The Red Sea coastal city of Aqaba, Jordan — Aqaba Digital Hub is an iconic project that taps into the growing needs of enterprises, carriers, and technology providers in Jordan as well as the wider Middle East region.

Aqaba Digital Hub, which has an open access policy, consists of a set of projects that includes hyper-scale data centers, an Internet Exchange Point (IXP), a subsea cable landing station and teleports among others.

Moreover, the Hub acts as a corridor for access between Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia and will serve as a landing station for the forthcoming submarine cable systems. More information can be found at [www.naitel.jo](http://www.naitel.jo)

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